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ENP05-0072306 ISHTAR (IN PARAS MARKED) 3/00/[ ] R271-72 NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY  
SOUTHEAST ASIA SIGINT SUMMARY

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THE REMAINING ELEMENTS OF TASK FORCE CHARLIE HAVE WITHDRAWN SOUTH OF THE SOUTHERN TIP OF THE PDJ, AND ON 1 NOVEMBER AN UNIDENTIFIED NVA ELEMENT INDICATED THAT 1676 \$ENEMY\$ ARE LOCATED AT VARIOUS POSITIONS IN THE GENERAL VICINITY OF BAN KHANGKHAI (UG 0524, 19-12N 103-08E). A PROBABLE SUBORDINATE (E1112) OF THE NGHE AN PROVINCIAL UNIT (PU) HAS DEPLOYED FROM NGHE AN PROVINCE, NORTH VIETNAM TO XIENG KHOUANG PROVINCE, LAOS. WHILE IN COMMUNICATIONS WITH HQ, MR 4 NORTH VIETNAM, THE SUBORDINATE WAS LOCATED ON 31 OCTOBER WITHIN 20 NAUTICAL MILES OF UG 6415 (19-07N 103-42E), 190 KM WEST OF ITS 10 JULY LOCATION, AND NEAR THE AREA OF OPERATION OF THE PU'S 43D BATTALION. (2/G1/VCM/T9785-72, 011311Z; T9782-72, 010526Z; T9781-72, 010525Z; T9780-72, 010524Z; T9779-72, 010523Z; T9778-72, 010522Z; T9765-72, 311510Z; T9764-72, 311509Z; 3/[ ] LSM/T1462-72, 310508Z; 3/[ ] LSM/T760-72, 010314Z; 2/G1/LSM/R125-72, 311527Z; 2/G1/LSY/T1062-72, 211628Z) ~~(TOP SECRET UMBRA)~~ 2. SOUTHERN LAOS IN SEDONE PROVINCE, ELEMENTS OF THE 9TH REGIMENT, NVA 968TH DIVISION REPORTED THE LOCATIONS OF RLA AND THAI UNITS ON 31 OCTOBER. THE COMMAND POST OF MOBILE GROUP 401, AN ARTILLERY COMMAND POST, AND BATTALION 621 WERE LOCATED AT XB 010752 (15-08N 105-56E), BATTALION 601 AT XB 033759 (15-08N 105-57E), BATTALION 602 AT WB 982746 (15-08N 105-54E), AND BATTALION 613 AT WB 979725 (15-07N 105-54E). IN ANOTHER MESSAGE, THE HQ, 9TH REGIMENT INFORMED AN UNIDENTIFIED 8TH BATTALION AND AN UNIDENTIFIED 37-MM ARTILLERY UNIT THAT MOBILE GROUP 33 WAS MOVING TOWARD MUONG PAC (UNLOCATED) AND BAN TON (UNLOCATED), AND POSSIBLY ANOTHER UNIT WAS MOVING TOWARD PHOU THONG NOY (XB 3491, 15-18N 106-15E), HOUAY SET (XB 3986 15-15N 106-18E), AND PHOU NONGKIM (XB 3981 15-12N 106-18E). THE REGIMENT THEN INSTRUCTED THE BATTALION AND ARTILLERY UNIT TO PREPARE A PLAN OF ATTACK AND KEEP AWARE OF DEVELOPMENTS AT PHOU DIN DENG (XB 3069 15-06N 106-13E). THE 9TH REGIMENT ALSO REPORTED THAT THE 1ST BATTALION'S 1ST COMPANY SHOT DOWN ONE A7 AIRCRAFT. NO FURTHER INFORMATION WAS PROVIDED. ~~(ISHTAR)~~ (2/G1/VCM/T9772-72, 312112Z) ~~(SECRET SPOKE ISHTAR)~~ D. CHICOM FORCES - LAOS THE CHINESE 96TH INFANTRY REGIMENT HAS DEPLOYED ITS 7TH COMPANY TO NAM THA (QD1951, 20-57N 101-25E) FOR A \$MOBILE MISSION\$ APPARENTLY DESIGNED TO PREVENT THE ENEMY FROM DISRUPTING CONSTRUCTION. THE 7TH COMPANY RELOCATED ON 27 OCTOBER, AFTER THE 96TH REGIMENT RELAYED WARNINGS FROM HIGHER HEADQUARTERS THAT \$LAOTIAN RIGHT WING\$ ELEMENTS WERE SUSPECTED TO BE PLANNING AN ATTACK ON NAM THA. THE 7TH COMPANY AUGMENTS ELEMENTS OF THE 8TH AND POSSIBLY THE 2D COMPANIES IN THE NAM THA AREA, WHERE A BRIDGE IS BEING CONSTRUCTED. (2/00/[ ] LSM/T330-72, 312049Z; T332-72, 312051Z; 3/00/[ ] T269-72) ~~(SECRET SPOKE ISHTAR)~~ IV. GENERAL

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DIRECTORATE OF REAR SERVICES GDRS SUMMARY SEVEN INFILTRATION GROUPS DEST INED FOR THE COSVN AREA OF SOUTH VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA WERE REPORTED IN THE BINH TRAM (BT) 18 AREA OF NORTH VIETNAM ON 1 NOVEMBER. THESE ARE THE FIRST GROUPS NOTED THIS MONTH. THE OCTOBER TOTALS REMAIN AT 18 INFILTRATION, ONE WESTWARD-MOVING, 12 SPECIAL-PURPOSE AND FIVE SPECIALLY DESIGNATED GROUPS. FOR LOCATIONS OF GDRS FACILITIES, SEE 2/00/VCJ/R47-72. ~~(SECRET SPOKE)~~ A. PERSONNEL MOVEMENTS XXHH 900 #3965 NNNN

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